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SUBJ: SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION (SPC)

- 1. THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. ALAN HARRIS, ECONOMIC PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE SPC EXPIRES ON MARCH 15, 1974. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SPC HAS RECOMMENDED THAT HARRIS BE REAPPOINTED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE TAKEN UP AT THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 22 IN GUAM.
- 2. FOR CANBERRA. REQUEST THAT YOU ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE DFA ATTITUDE ON HARRIS' REAPPOINTMENT AND WHETHER GOA CONSIDERING NOMINATING ANOTHER CANDIDATE.
- 3. FOR LONDON AND WELLINGTON. REQUEST THAT YOU DETERMINE IF HOST COUNTRIES INTEND TO SUPPORT HARRIS' REAPPOINTMENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OR WHETHER THEY INTEND TO NOMINATE ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR

THE POST- WE HAVE TOLD AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND EMBASSIES HERE THAT USG CONSIDERS HARRIS TOO WEAK FOR IMPORTANT POSITION HE HOLDS, AND THAT USG PREPARED TO SUPPORT ANOTHER NOMINEE FOR ECONOMIC PROGRAM DIRECTOR POSITION. IF THERE ARE SEVERAL CANDIDATES (I.E. FROM AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, OR UK), WE WILL SUPPORT WHOMEVER APPEARS BE BEST QUALIFIED. ROGERS

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